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TOPIC Schoenhauser Damm airfieldEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 2 to 16 September 1953DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 8 October 1953REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 2 September 1952, individual soldiers were observed near the temporary buildings at Schoenhauser Damm airfield. The piles of runway mats were unchanged. [] no mats had been laid. A six-wire telephone line was observed running both from Schoenhausen and Wudicke to the airfield. In Schoenhausen there was a mast with a platform and a box in which the line's net. One line each extended from the mast toward Havelberg and toward Stendal via the Elbe River. A canvas-covered radio truck without an antenna was observed at a wall next to the mast, and next to the radio truck was a tent for about 12 men.

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2. On 11 September, two temporary buildings and several piles of runway mats were observed at the field on the ground which was surrounded by a fence about 2.5 meters high. Work was apparently being conducted in the temporary buildings. Trucks [] and caterpillar tractors towing low-platform trailers loaded with runway mats were observed passing through the entrance to the field coming from the direction of Wudicke. Several piles of runway mats were observed on the area of Wudicke railroad station.

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3. A telephone line or 6 wires, suspended on newly erected wooden masts, extended along the southern edge of Wudicke-Schoenhauser Damm road. About 1 km from Schoenhauser Damm, Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets worked on the extension of the line toward Schoenhauser Damm.

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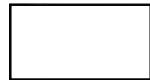
4. At 11 a.m. on 16 September, about 15 soldiers, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, unloaded runway mats from two boxcars at Wudicke railroad station []. The runway mats were

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hauling to the airfield on two full-track prime movers towing two trailers each. The mats were stored near the temporary buildings on the southern edge of the installation. At 12:15 p.m., the two prime movers and the truck with the hoisting gear, which had been used near the railroad station, entered through the wooden gate at the southern edge of the field.

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[REDACTED] the landing field was covered with grass which was about 20 centimeters high. The sandy soil had been graded and rolled. Sixteen piles of gray-green runway mats, each pile consisting of about 90 bundles of 20 mats each, were observed at the southern edge of the field, near the temporary buildings.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Information on the arrival and storage of runway mats at Schoenhauser Damm airfield was previously received. It is believed that the mats will now be laid. The reported number of mats may be sufficient to lay a runway 1000 meters long and 50 meters wide.

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